



Our Case No. 10022/415

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
WINTER et al.)
Serial No. 09/421,713) Examiner: Abdi, Kambiz
Filed: October 20, 1999) Group Art Unit No. 3621
For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR**)
FACILITATING, COORDINATING)
AND MANAGING A COMPETITIVE)
MARKETPLACE)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED ON DECEMBER 29, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.